WHEREAS, Alex Johnson has given South Dakotans more than thirty-seven years of superior news reporting that has accurately portrayed the events that have shaped this State's recent history; and,

WHEREAS, Alex Johnson has also used his considerable talents as a photographer to provide excellent pictures of news events for the citizens of this State; and,

WHEREAS, Alex Johnson has distinguished himself and brought honor to the profession of journalism as farm editor, wire editor, news editor, managing editor and executive editor for the Watertown Public Opinion during the past thirty years; and,

WHEREAS, Alex Johnson has applied his writing and photography talents to covering more than fifteen separate sessions of the South Dakota Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, Alex Johnson has shared his many talents and skills with many other reporters and photographers over the years so that the profession of journalism has improved in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Alex Johnson has received, in addition to many other awards, the praise of his colleagues in being named the Associated Press Newsman of the Year in 1976; and,

WHEREAS, Alex Johnson unselfishly donated many hours of hard work and effort as a member of the State Bicentennial Commission so that South Dakota could have one of the most successful state bicentennial groups in 1976; and,

WHEREAS, Alex Johnson will be retiring this April from the joys of being a full-time reporter and editor; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the Governor and the members of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Session of the South Dakota Legislature join Alex's wife, Marga, and their two children, Alex, Jr., and Ann in honoring Alex for his years of dedicated service to the people of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, February 14, 1980, as

ALEX JOHNSON DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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